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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002, applicants are hereby filing a request for reconsideration to this outstanding Office Action.

REMARKS

Claims 15-24 remain in the present application. Thus, the only rejection in the application is a non-statutory double patenting rejection which can be remedied through a timely filing of aTerminal Disclaimer.

Along with the captioned application, there is also a parent application bearing Serial No. 09/684,129 which has an outstanding rejection consisting of a non-statutory double patenting